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VIP TRAVEL

11. (U) Embassy La Paz reports a humanitarian flight carrying Bolivian VP Garcia Liniera and 9 tons of aid is en route to Port-au-Prince. (TF1/Embassy La Paz e-mail)

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

12. (U) No updates at this time.

COMMODITY FLOW

13. (SBU) OFDA established 4 hubs, which feed into 100 distribution sites, to disseminate needed food and supplies. OFDA reports MINUSTAH will provide security for the 100 sites; however, SOUTHCOM might be called to fill any requirements MINUSTAH cannot meet. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

14. (SBU) Water jugs, provided by OFDA and the Red Cross, will be distributed January 18. As of 1800 EST January 17, the DoD had distributed 100,000 bottles of water. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

EVACUATIONS/AMERICAN CITIZEN AND LE STAFF WHEREABOUTS

¶5. (SBU) As of 0830 EST, 178 Americans departed Port-au-Prince; a total of 2,901 Americans have been evacuated to date. There are 157 Americans inside the embassy and 525 outside. Another 100 Americans are at the airport and an additional 37 are at the landing zone waiting to board departing flights. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶6. (SBU) As of 0830, there were 26 confirmed American citizen fatalities. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

MEDICAL RESPONSE

¶7. (SBU) The HHS Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) is continuing to visit medical facilities to make assessments and provide limited supplies. A second DMAT is prepared to depart for Haiti January 18, transportation permitting. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

¶8. (SBU) The International Committee of the Red Cross is expected to begin delivering medical kits January 18. The World Health Organization expects 5 health kits (each of which can support up to 10,000 people for 3 months) to arrive in Port-au-Prince January 19. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION/REQUESTS

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¶9. (U) The Republic of Korea announced it is likely to boost emergency aid to Haiti to over \$5 million. (yonhap.co.kr)

DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSETS

¶10. (SBU) The USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group is en route and expected to arrive January 18 or 19. (TF1/ SOUTHCOM e-mail)

¶11. (SBU) Contrary to previous reports, SOUTHCOM Air Operations reports Port-au-Prince Airport is conducting military and civilian flights both day and night. (TF1/SOUTHCOM telcon)

¶12. (SBU) The USNS Comfort is scheduled to dock January 20. (TF1/Interagency Conference Call)

¶13. (SBU) Total U.S. military personnel deployed to Haiti is 6,618. (TF1/SOUTHCOM e-mail)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶14. (SBU) SOUTHCOM estimates 70 percent of Digicel's cell sites are operational. Call volume continues to congest the network for international calls. (TF1/SOUTHCOM e-mail)

¶15. (SBU) The U.S. Coast Guard reports 8 ports are fully operational, 2 are partially operational; however, Port-au-Prince's port remains non-operational. (TF1/DHS e-mail)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

¶16. (U) No updates at this time.

¶17. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶18. (U) Minimize considered.

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